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Nottingham Police

The Nottingham Police Department occasionally provides information to the community via Nixle or Facebook. Nixle is a service providing community information around the country and can be available to you via text, email or a computer. More information about this service can be found at: http://www.nixle.com/resident-faqs/.

If you want to sign up for automated messages you can go here: https://local.nixle.com/register/. If you would prefer to just be able to look at messages when you choose, you can go here: www.nixle.com/ and enter the zip code you are interested in. The Nottingham Police Department also maintains a Facebook page that can be found at: www.facebook.com/Nottingham-NH-Police-Department-1782364718700933/.

Information of interest regarding safety and activities are posted on this page. Do not expect responses to posted comments. Contact the department directly if you want a response.

The Nottingham Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Phone calls are routinely answered Monday through Friday during business hours at 679-1506 and messages may also be left at this phone number any time of day. For an urgent message during non-business hours, please call Rockingham County Dispatch at 603-679-2225 to get a message to an officer. In the event of an emergency call 911.

Nottingham School STEAM Showcase

Submitted by Jen Bachhuber

Students created projects for Nottingham School's First S.T.E.A.M. Showcase (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). Thank you to all the students who participated and to all of the volunteers who helped with the event. A special thank you to our local geophysicist, Dan Glaser, for his special video message to our student creators.

Home Fire Campaign Continues to Save Lives Locally and Nationally

The American Red Cross and its partners have saved more than 520 lives as part of its nationwide Home Fire Campaign. The Home Fire Campaign is a nationwide program with the goal of reducing the number of home fire deaths and injuries. Anyone may schedule a free smoke alarm installation by the Red Cross by visiting www.redcross.org/nhvt or calling 800-464-6692. Home fires remain the biggest disaster threat to individuals and families in the United States. Since the Home Fire campaign began, nearly half a million smoke alarms have been installed in all 50 states and four territories, and it has reached more than 500,000 children through campaign youth preparedness education programs, such as The Pillowcase Project.

Most home fires can be prevented. Homeowners should avoid using items that can be hazardous, such as candles and space heaters – common items that can turn dangerous very quickly. To help avoid a fire in the home, install smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area, placing them on the ceiling or high on the wall. Put a smoke alarm inside every bedroom and test the smoke alarms regularly. Install new batteries every year, or according to the alarm manufacturer's instructions. Get new smoke alarms every ten years.

Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as sources of heat or stoves. Never smoke in bed. Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep.

The Red Cross recommends that households develop a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year with everyone who lives in the home. People should know two ways to escape from every room and designate a safe place to meet outside the home in case of a fire.

Download the all-inclusive Red Cross Emergency app that combines more than 35 emergency alerts to help keep users safe. For more information, visit redcross.org on Twitter at @RedCross.

Nottingham Conservation Committee Trails

Submitted by Liz Kotowski

The NCC Trails Committee is continuing to plan for trails and signage on conservation lands in Nottingham, including the William E. Kennard Forest on Kennard Road and the Terninko easement on Case Road. The NTC also has made progress on trail planning for Marsh Woods, the name now given to the combined Merriam-Daggett and Tasker properties on Freeman Hall Road. Marsh Woods will require special care because the Natural Resources Conservation Service holds Wetlands Reserve Program easements on both parcels along the North River.

We're excited about being able to make these beautiful resources more accessible to the public in 2019 and 2020. If anyone would like to join the Trails Committee or help with trail work days, call or text Liz Kotowski at 978-621-0607. Or you can attend one of our monthly meetings, which are usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #2 of the Town Office.

Several draft trail maps are already available on the town website at https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/conservation-commission/pages/trail- maps with a new topographic map forKennard Forest scheduled for completion this spring. Enjoy the woods!



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Conservation Commission News and Activities

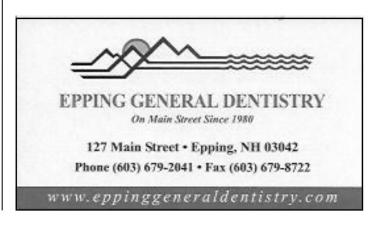
Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Bats! These creatures play an important role in the food chain by eating thousands of pesky insects every evening. A deadly fungus, known as White Nose Syndrome, has devastated bat communities since its discovery in New York in 2016. The Little Brown Bat was recently the most numerous bat type in New Hampshire is now state endangered. In addition to this new fungus, the ongoing use of insect killing chemicals, loss of habitat and utility windmills threaten bat Populations. A recent study, funded by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee and led by Normandeau Associates, looked for bats living in the drainage area for the Lamprey River. Sensors at seven locations in four towns (Nottingham, Lee, Epping, and Raymond) looked for the special voices that bats use for eco-location. Between June 30 and July 1, 2018, one of the eight native bat species was missing entirely. A presentation on January 31 at the Epping Town Library presented these results. The completed report is available on line at https://www.lampreyriver.org/ multimedia-Research-bats-2018.

The Nottingham Trails Committee (NTC) was active this winter. The Commission is grateful to the Nottingham community members who volunteered assistance with chain sawing and mapping expertise.

The proposed Stream Protection Ordinance intended to offer protective vegetation for streams and rivers here in Nottingham ran into some routine hurdles. The Planning Board is in charge of this initiative and we expect that the article will be before the voters in 2020.

The Commission is an active group with diverse responsibilities. Please consider lending a hand by becoming a Commission alternate. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings, the second Monday of each month (7 p.m. in Conference Room #2). Video recordings re-broadcast on the local access channel later in the week.



Blaisdell Memorial Library

The library is excited to announce the following programs for both adult and children. Remember to check our website, nottinghamlibrary.org, or our Facebook page for updates.

Our seed library is about a year old now and a dedicated and enthusiastic group of patrons has supported its growth. The Nottingham Homestead & Garden Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in joining contact Allison at allison.blaisdellml@gmail.com.

Museum Passes are available through the library for all cardholders for free. These passes offer free or reduced rate admission to nine different museums in New Hampshire and Boston.

Adult Programs

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will run during regular library hours from Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 12. The library will accept book donations beginning April 26. Please bring donations during regular library hours into the building.

Game & Gab: Tuesday, May 7 and June 4, 1 p.m. Bring your friends for an afternoon of gaming and gabbing. Light refreshments will be served.

Organic Growing Course: May 2 and May 9, 6 p.m. Instructor Vince Cisarole will discuss a wide range of topics including: soil preparation, seed starting, composting, crop rotation, and our existing food production system. This course is free and each session covers a different topic. Attendance at each session is encouraged, but not required. No registration required.

Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them: May 15, 6:30 p.m. New Hampshire Humanities presents Jo Radner—Telling personal and family stories is fun—and much more. In this active and interactive program, storyteller Jo Radner shares foolproof ways to mine memories and interview relatives for meaningful stories. Participants practice finding, developing, and telling their own tales.



I Take Care of Your Pets...
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Member & Insured through Pet Sitters Associates, LLC Adult book groups continue to meet monthly. New members are always welcome. Contact the library for more details.

Afternoon Book Group: third Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Cookbook Group: third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Book Group: fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Children's Programs

Story Time runs weekly from April 30—June 6. E-mail bmlchildrensdesk@gmail.com to register.

- Tuesdays, 10:30am: Babies (ages 0-24 months)
- Wednesdays, 10:30am: Toddlers (ages 2-3)
- Thursdays, 10:30am: Preschool (ages 3-5)

Kids' Yoga: Tuesdays, time TBD (Gr. 1-3). Limited to 10 children and registration is required. Stay tuned for more information on the library website.

Crafternoon: Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (K-Gr. 5)

LEGO Club: Thursdays, 3 p.m. (K-Gr. 3)

Blaisdell Youth Group Meeting: May 16 and June 20 (Gr. 6-8). Call the library at 679-8484 or email blaisdellml@comcast.net to join the group.

Summer Reading Kick: June 27, 6:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall. We are welcoming Wild Encounters to begin our Summer Reading, "A Universe of Stories."



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News articles (word document) and ads (jpg format) should be submitted via e-mail to **adnottinghamnews@gmail.com**.

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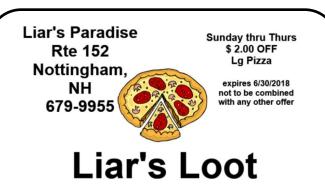
Early Glassmaking in New Hampshire, an illustrated talk with Michael George

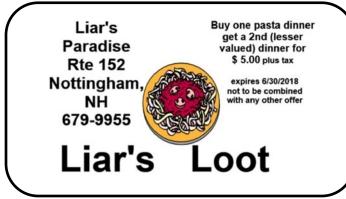
Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

The Historical Society is pleased to have Michael George as a guest speaker for our spring lecture series. He will be at the old Nottingham Town Hall, across from the library, on Wednesday, May 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. speaking on the history of glass making in New Hampshire.

New Hampshire has a rich history of glass manufacturing, dating back to the 18th century. In his talk he will take a look at some of these factories and their output. He will review the historical information, while discussing the characteristics that help identify the production. Examples of early New Hampshire glass will also be on display for review. Folks are encouraged to bring items for evaluation or discussion as well.

Michael George was born and raised in New Hampshire. His passion for American glass started at an early age, as a young collector of medicine bottles that were unearthed in old town dumps. Over the years, his expertise and knowledge for bottles expanded into historical flasks and early American glass wares, as he researched the production of 18th and 19th century glasshouses throughout New England. Michael has become an avid collector and premiere antique glass dealer.





Abandoned School House

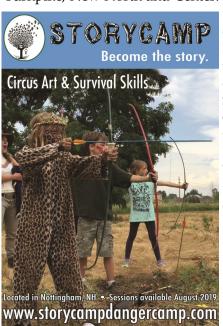
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Here is what is written on the back of this picture:

Abandoned School House, Nottingham, NH. Photo taken Sept 1900 with a faithful friend of all that bear the honored name of GRAVES. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Newburyport Nov 30, 1900 J.H. Brown?

Can you identify this school or do you know anything about the names referred to on the back of the photo? If so, please e-mail the Nottingham Historical Society at Nottinghamhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or visit the Van Dame Museum and School House next to the Nottingham Community Center from 9–11 a.m. on Thursdays. At one time there were as many as 13 schools in Nottingham: Square, Tavern Hill, Mountain, Bean Hill, Independent, Old North, Lower Turnpike, Glass/Banks, North Summer, South Summer, Upper Turnpike, New North and Center. By 1900 two schools



were permanently closed, the North School which was located near the current Elementary School and the Glass/Banks School which was Mitchell Road. Therefore, assuming photo this correctly identified as Nottingham, this is a picture of one of the schools. Any information about either the schools or the people would be appreciated.

Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan Mooney

At the March 27 Planning Board meeting there was an overflow number of residents who were interested in at least three of the six applications on the agenda for the evening. Of the six, the first public hearing was for a Site Plan Approval for a restaurant/pub/tavern with a full liquor license at the dance hall located at 186 Old Turnpike Road (Route 4). This case was approved by the Board. The remaining five public hearings included a back-lot subdivision creating two new lots, and four were for major subdivisions with a combined total of 60 new residential lots. Most attendees spoke to a subdivision Design Review, located on Gile Road, east extension, for an Open Space subdivision for 18 lots on over 60 acres. The field has been used for raising vegetables for market.

Another well attended public hearing was for a similar Design Review along Mitchell Road for a conventional 15-lot subdivision on over 40 acres. The third well attended hearing was for the acceptance of three new lots that front Raymond Road (1) or Whites Grove Road (2). Public comment included a collective voice from the Gile neighborhood and several residents who spoke to the other two applications. While the Board acknowledges that the Master Plan calls for retaining Nottingham's rural character, open spaces and protecting natural resources, the Master Plan is only the guide used to compose regulations that are accepted or rejected by voters at Town Meeting. Warrant articles passed by voters go into the Zoning Regulations. Only the Zoning Regulations can be used to accept or deny an application. The applicant, if instructed, may be heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief re: a regulation. The Planning Board cannot deny an application because there will be too many new houses, more traffic, more impacts to our school and additional services for the new folks who will live there. There are other options available to residents who are concerned about an application to subdivide a parcel in their neighborhood but these



options are beyond the scope of what the Planning Board is charged by law to do. The Board is grateful for your attention and concerns when proposed projects are on the agenda. We would be more than grateful to have public attend regular meetings in which your comments would be considered. Even better, there are several alternate positions on the Board that residents can apply for. Alternates have a voice and are able to vote if seated for an absent Regular board member. The Board has several "rural character" items on our proactive working list for the coming year in addition to recently forming a new Master Plan Subcommittee to revise the 2011 document. Three of its five members have recently resigned; new community volunteers are needed for this revision. Following Town elections the Board members remain the same as in 2018. Officers and representatives on the CIP and Strafford Regional Planning Commission also remain as before. We thank Tony Dumas for his contributions this past year and welcome Tiler Eaton to the Board as the Select Board representative.

The Planning Board is seeking Alternates. If you are interested, contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 679-9597, ext. 1, or attend an upcoming meeting. The Board meets the second and fourth (as needed) Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Office building.

New Hampshire Arts Guild WORDFEST

Submitted by Priscilla Carr

New Hampshire Arts Guild WORDFEST 2019 Donald Hall Essay Honorarium: Not familiar with our awarded Granite State's poet and essayist Donald Hall? Give him a whirl and perhaps memoir vignettes, may ignite and inspire your dormant creative essay abilities. Begin by googling Hall as 2006 Poet Laureate of The United States and the broad doors to his illustrious career will burst open. You can also research Hall's work online at Milne Archives, University of New Hampshire's Dimond Library.

Guidelines for Submission include: No fee, no age requirement, no formal educational requirement. Applicant must be a resident of or have close ties or association with New Hampshire. Applicant must be available to read award winning essay at WORDFEST 2019 Scholarship Event in October. Theme is *Personal Impact of New Hampshire's Land or Seascapes*. Entries will be read from June 15—July 1. Finalists will be contacted by July 15. Recipients will be announced by August 1. Recipient will receive a cash honorarium and master classes from a Guild Prose Studio Mentor.

Nottingham Recreation

Adult Programming

Zumba: Thursdays 6-7 p.m., Community Center Gym. Cost is \$20 for eight-week session or \$5 drop-in per class. Register online.

Line Dancing: Monday nights 6 p.m. for beginners and 7 p.m. for intermediate at the Old Town Hall. You can go to both. Cost is \$25 for five weeks for \$7 drop-in.

Pickleball: Pickleball has two sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the community center gym. Set up and break down is done by participants. \$2 drop-in fee is required to sustain programming. Register at first attended session. Beginner session, 9-11 a.m. and advanced session, 1-2 p.m.

Men's Pickup Basketball: Sundays, 8-10 a.m., Nottingham School Gym. Drop-in cost is \$2.

Senior Luncheon: Potluck luncheon for 55+ every third Wednesday of the month, except July and August. Community Center Kitchen from noon-2 p.m. Bring a lunch item or dessert to share .

Youth Programming

Toddler Gym: Mondays, 9-11 a.m. at the Community Center Gym. Children must be accompanied by a guardian during gym. Cost is \$2 drop-in fee for a \$20 punch card for 10 gym sessions.

Once a month we do a mommy and me craft with our toddlers at 10 a.m. in the kitchen. No registration is required for this. Check our Facebook page for dates and the craft we are doing.

Martial Arts: Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m. beginners class and 6:15-7 p.m. intermediate/advanced classes. For more information contact Brendan Behr at brendan.behr@gmail.com.

Vacation Camp: April 22—April 26, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 1-6. Volunteers for grades 7 and 8 are welcome. Contact Sam at recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov if your child would like to volunteer.



Upcoming Events

Fishing Derby

Register online to be a part of our Annual Fishing Derby. Join us on May 11 from 8 a.m-11:30 a.m. Derby is open to Nottingham residents only, ages 15 and under. Children under 13 must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Children under five must wear a life jacket. Sign-in starts at 7:15 a.m. and fishing starts



at 8 a.m. sharp. There is a five-catch limit and each fish must be measured by 11:15 a.m. We will be providing bait for all participants. All you need is your fishing pole!

Registration for Save the Bees 5K is up!

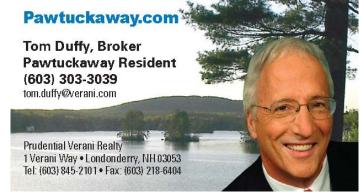
Save the Bees 5K is back! We are so excited to be working with the New Hampshire Beekeepers Association again to bring back the Save the Bees 5K. Registration is on www.nottinghamearthday.org/save-the-bees-5k now where you can register for just \$25 until June 30! Our race is on September 21 at 10 a.m. at Nottingham School, 245 Stage Road.

Nottingham Earth Festival

The Nottingham Earth Festival will be held on September 21. Check out our website, www.nottinghamearthday.org, for updates on this year's event! If you are looking to be a vendor, sponsor, give auction/raffle prizes, or volunteer, you can e-mail us at recreation@nottingham-nh.gov.

Summer Camp 2019

Summer Camp is coming back for 2019! We will be having two registration dates for parents/guardians to come and register your children for camp. We are requiring registration for all campers with a \$30 registration fee on the following dates. Please put these dates in your calendar. Registration dates: May 9, 5-7 p.m. and May 11, noon-4p.m.



Nottingham Women's Club

Submitted by Diana Robinson

General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) Nottingham Area Women's Club: Ladies! Have you been looking for a way to connect with other women? Thinking of how you can contribute and become more involved in community events? Needing a girls' night out or in search of a fun, creative outlet? If so, check out the GFWC Nottingham Area Women's Club!

We are a great group of women who have fun while volunteering and we would love for you to join us! Our meetings, although productive, are casual and fun. We regularly meet every fourth Thursday of the month at the Blaisdell Memorial Library. Come, enjoy some light refreshments, and meet us to learn more! Some dates to put on your calendar:

Thursday, May 23, and Thursday, June 27, 6-8 p.m. Join us for our May and June Meet-ups at the Blaisdell Library downstairs meeting room (childcare is available by donation).

June 22, 1 p.m. Preparations for the town-wide annual Scarecrow Contest begin! Get in on the action and help us sew and paint their faces! Join us at the Nottingham Community Center kitchen. No artistic talent needed! Supplies will be provided. Save your Scarecrows from prior years to join the fall fun this year for free!

Interested? For up-to-date info on what's going on, follow us on Facebook: GFWC Nottingham (NH) area women's club. Not on Facebook, but want to learn about all of our events? Join our email list! Send us a note at Nottingham.womensclub@gmail.com.

Community Spotlight: Liar's Paradise

Submitted by Ted White

Proprietors Wynn and Linda Varney have been in Nottingham for 32 years. Wynn had worked at GE in Lynn, Mass., for 10 years before that plant closed. He and Linda had always wanted to start a business of their own and so Wynn worked for Papa Gino's in Newburyport, Mass., to learn the business. They then owned Deli Works in Brentwood for 10 years. They had moved to Nottingham after their first child because they outgrew their home in Fremont. They were just driving through Nottingham and saw a house for sale that they liked and bought it. Wanting to have a store that offered prepared food, they called the then owners of Liar's and asked if they wanted to sell. The owners did so Wynn and Linda bought it. The store grew and the present kitchen area was added in February of 1999.

Wynn and Linda enjoy the rural, bedroom community atmosphere and love being part of the Nottingham area. Their desire is to be contributors to people's lives and have people to be happy when they come in. Finding good employees can be hard, but they feel very fortunate to have found good ones. When they have "free" time it is spent with grandchildren. Or you might find Linda reading and Wynn gardening. These are favorite activities for them. Linda's mom was a great example of perseverance to her. She cared for her 11 children herself after her husband died when Linda was 10 years old. Vocational school teachers were inspirational to Wynn. They encouraged students to be the best in business that they could be. Thanks Wynn and Linda for applying these learned principles to your business. You are an asset to Nottingham.

Nottingham Democrats

The Nottingham Democrats meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the comfortable lower level meeting room of Blaisdell Memorial Library, 129 Stage Road, Nottingham. Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

You are welcome to drop in to this friendly group of Nottingham residents, young and old, to get legislative updates, share information of importance to you and your neighbors, and enjoy guest speakers.

Sign up for the New Hampshire Democratic Party Grassroots Newsletter, a weekly email newsletter that is chock full of New Hampshire State House news and information. Contact Slate Goodwin, Outreach Director at sgoodwin@nhdp.org and ask to be added to the newsletter list. For more information or to add agenda items email hwr-nottinghamdems@gmail.com.

Monthly speakers are announced in the Online Forum.

